

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 35 are currently pending in the application and subject to an Election of Species Restriction Requirement.

The following sets of species have been identified by the Examiner:

Stabilizing Agents

- (a) trehalose;
- (b) methyl-mannopyranoside;
- (c) CaCl₂;
- (d) MgCl₂;
- (e) ZnCl₂;

Polypeptides

- (f) pituitary adenylate cyclase polypeptides;
- (g) glucagon;
- (h) glucagon-like peptides;
- (i) growth hormone releasing factor;
- (j) vasoactive intestinal polypeptide;
- (k) peptide histidine methionine;
- (l) secretin; and;
- (m) glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide

Buffers

- (n) amino acid buffers
- (o) peptide buffers; and
- (p) inorganic buffers

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the species of invention drawn to trehalose as a stabilizing agent; pituitary adenylate cyclase polypeptide as the polypeptide; and amino acid buffers as the buffers, as set forth in claims 1-7, 13-15, 17-21, 24-35 and illustrated in drawing Figs. 1-5, 8 and 9.

Applicants consider claims 1, 16 and 17 to be generic, and note that upon allowance of a generic claim, claims 8-12, 22, and 23 depending therefrom in a non-elected species would also be allowable. Applicants submit that claims 1 and 16 are generic as to all Species.

Applicants request an action on the merits of claims 1-35.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that each of claims 1-35 be considered on the

merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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